

The Honorable Michael K. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing to you today as a current satellite TV subscriber who would like to add my voice AGAINST the pending merger of EchoStar and DIRECTV. The combination of these two satellite providers will provide no benefits to consumers like me, including higher cost in channels, programming, broadband and new television technologies.

By merging, the combined company will be a monopoly in rural areas and smaller markets not serviced by cable television and will offer fewer programming choices at a higher price including all local TV channels in every market in the U.S. By providing local TV channels everywhere, this merger will make satellite television a monopoly in our community. Throughout the country, people should be able to turn to satellite TV to access their local news, weather and community information, in addition to a comprehensive package of national video programming. But just as the companies tell you the merger will bring the availability of affordable high-speed Internet service by satellite to over 40 million Americans who don't have high-speed Internet access. They can get it without the merger. These tremendous benefits to consumers can happen, without the merger, to towns and rural areas alike .. They will give me a competitive choice for Internet access without the merger because they want the business.

In the interest of the public welfare please withhold your support to this merger.

Sincerely,

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